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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NO. 6

1. POSSIBLE CANADIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM ICCS

ON INSTRUCTIONS, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR CADIEUX TOLD UNDER SECRETARY PORTER MAY 17 THAT, ALTHOUGH A DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE, THERE IS A " REAL POSSIBILITY" THAT CANADA WILL WITHDRAW FROM THE ICCS IN VIETNAM AT THE END OF JUNE AND WILL MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO THIS EFFECT AT THE END OF MAY. AMBASSADOR PORTER EXPRESSED THE HOPE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS MADE AND AFTER THE END OF THE PARIS TALKS. (SECRET) STATE 095128, 5/17 (EXDIS).

2. SOUTH KOREA EXAMINING FOREIGN POLICY CHANGE

REPUBLIC OF KOREA OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER, HAVE INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR HABIB THAT THEY ARE EXAMINING A MAJOR CHANGE IN FOREIGN POLICY. FOREIGN MINISTER KIM HAS SAID THE ROK MUST FIND A WAY TO CO- EXIST WITH NORTH KOREA WITHOUT ACCEPTING THE FINALITY OF TWO
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KOREAS. HE STATED THE ROK SHOULD DECLARE IT IS

PREPARED TO ACCEPT NORTH KOREAN PARTICIPATION IN UN ORGANIZATIONS AND DUAL RECOGNITION OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. AMBASSADOR HABIB COMMENTS THAT WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE ROK IN ITS REALISTIC POLICY CHANGE. (CONFIDENTIAL) SEOUL 3111, 5/17 (EXDIS).

3. EC COMMISSION VIEWS ON PETROLEUM CONSUMER COOPERATION

AN OFFICIAL OF THE EC COMMISSION TOLD A MISSION OFFICER THAT COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET' S VISIT TO THE US WAS AN INDICATION OF THE COMMISSION' S INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. HE SAID THE EC AND THE US SHOULD DISCUSS EMERGENCY OIL POOLING AND THE AVOID- ANCE OF " DESTRUCTIVE COMPETITION," BUT ADDED THE EC HAS NOT DEVELOPED SPECIFIC IDEAS FOR A FRAMEWORK FOR COOPERATION. (CONFIDENTIAL) EC BRUSSELS 2754, 5/17.

4. PRIME MINISTER GANDHI SPEAKS OUT FOR BETTER RELATIONS

EMBASSY NEW DELHI REPORTS THAT, IN REACTION TO ANTI- US STATEMENTS BY CONGRESS PARTY PRESIDENT SHARMA, INDIAN PRIME MINISTER GANDHI TOLD CONGRESS MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT THAT ALTHOUGH INDIA AND THE US DISAGREE ON MANY THINGS, THIS SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH INDIA' S " BASIC POLICY OF FRIENDSHIP." THE EMBASSY COMMENTS THAT MRS. GANDHI' S REMARKS ARE THE MOST DIRECT PUBLIC AFFIRMATION IN MANY MONTHS OF HER DESIRE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) NEW DELHI 5757, 5/16, 5803, 5/17.

5. CAMBODIAN MILITARY SITUATION

THE EIGHT SHIP CONVOY WHICH DEPARTED SOUTH VIETNAM FOR PHNOM PENH MAY 17 HAS ARRIVED. ONE SHIP WITH A CARGO OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS WAS HIT BY GUNFIRE BUT CONTINUED ON TO ITS DESTINATION. ONE OTHER CARGO SHIP RAN AGROUND IN FRIENDLY TERRITORY AND IS BEING TENDED BY
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ANOTHER VESSEL. NEITHER ARE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER. IN THE 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING 2000 EDT MAY 16 THERE WERE 60 ARC LIGHT AND 180 TACTICAL AIR STRIKES. (SECRET) NMCC, 5/18. RUSH

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